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SUBJECT: ISRAELI NEED FOR NUCLEAR POWER

REF: TEL AVIV 5165

AUGUST 3, 1977 "JERUSALEM POST" QUOTED ISRAELI MINISTER OF ENERGY AND INFRASTRUCTURE YITZHAK MODA'I AS SAYING OVER ISRAEL RADIO THAT "IF THE U.S. DECIDED NOT TO SUPPLY ISRAEL WITH A NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, THE COUNTRY WOULD BE FORCED TO LOOK FOR ATOMIC REACTORS ON THE EUROPEAN MARKET". MODA'I REPORTEDLY SAID THAT HE REALIZED THAT THE SUPPLY OF A NUCLEAR PLANT "REQUIRES A DECISION BY PRESIDENT CARTER AND THE SENATE" AND THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THIS DECISION BE REACHED WITHIN "THREE OR FOUR MONTHS".

2. QUERIED ABOUT THIS REPORT, PROFESSOR MOSHE NELKEN, HEAD OF PLANNING FOR ISRAEL ELECTRICAL CORPORATION, TOLD THE EMBASSY'S SCIATT THAT HE HAD "NO COMMENT" ABOUT WHETHER THE IEC WOULD LOOK TO EUROPE FOR A NUCLEAR  
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PLANT. PROF. NELKEN SAID THAT THE NEED FOR A U.S. DECISION WITHIN THREE OR FOUR MONTHS REFLECTED THE FACT THAT THE GOI MUST BEGIN FIRM PLANNING AND PREPARATIONS BY DECEMBER 1977 AT THE LATEST, IF IT IS TO BE ASSURED OF HAVING ADEQUATE POWER SUPPLIES FOR THE PERIOD 1986 AND BEYOND. THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH EARLIER REMARKS ON THIS SUBJECT BY NELKEN REPORTED

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